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THE DAY

### A Good Start

It can be said the Geneva "summit" talks have got off to a fairly encouraging start. Wide gaps have still to be closed before the Big Four can hope to announce any solid agreement for realising mutually shared aims, but a welcome note of conciliation was discernible in all of the opening speeches, simulating the hope that before the week is out the four leaders at the conference will have effected a compromise sufficient to provide a sound basis for an eventual solution of East-West disputes.

The Western approach was fairly well known publicly before yesterday's meeting, and principal interest was centred on Marshal Bulganin's contribution to the opening discussions. In the result he covered familiar ground, but with a difference. He did not demand the immediate and unconditional abolition of NATO; he did not present Russia's European security scheme in a manner which allowed no modification or adjustment. And on the positive side, he intimated that his country was prepared to contribute to the international pool of atomic resources.

MARSHAL Bulganin's conception of a two-stage plan for ensuring international peace included the intriguing proposal that alliances such as NATO and the Eastern Defence Bloc should be "frozen" in their present condition—a much milder and more practical suggestion than that of their immediate abolition. This is clearly a recognition on the part of Russia that there is no short cut to the creation of an all-European security system. Basically, however, the Russian position remains unchanged, namely that a united Germany should not be permitted to join NATO or become a member of the European Defence Community. The important shift in emphasis relates to time. The Soviets now indicate they are prepared to tackle the European security problem with the Western powers in two phases, and are no longer pressing for the immediate creation of a collective security organisation.

The proposition has the merit of permitting the European problems to be delegated to diplomatic negotiations at foreign ministerial or other levels, there being in the meantime what Sir Anthony Eden has called a "hawking out of the cold war." Thus the tone of Marshal Bulganin's opening speech at the conference could well accelerate agreements in principle during the rest of the week.

ONE of the most heartening features of yesterday's speeches was their constructive nature and the manner in which the various suggestions were received. None was brushed aside as being impossible to contemplate or discuss, and noticeably Marshal Bulganin described M. Faure's proposal for a reduction in military expenditure as "a line of reasoning which deserves attentive study." Equally meriting attentive study is Sir Anthony Eden's offer to the Western powers to be parties to a security pact which would include a united Germany as well as Russia.

There was yesterday a welcome and refreshing tone of conciliation and reciprocity. If all parties can maintain this attitude there can be little doubt that something very useful will result from the Geneva meeting. At the moment there appears to be far less disagreement on fundamental than was anticipated before the conference opened.

# BULGANIN'S PEACE PLAN

## European Security In Two Phases

### RUSSIA TO CONTRIBUTE TO ATOMIC ENERGY POOL

Marshal Bulganin, the Soviet Prime Minister, advanced a two-stage plan for peace and security in Europe at yesterday's opening of the Geneva "summit" talks, and at the same time said that Russia was prepared to participate in President Eisenhower's proposed atomic agency for the pooling of atomic resources as soon as the agency was established.

Marshal Bulganin's two-phase plan for European security was:

1. "Freezing" of armed forces and alliances in Europe, and the settlement of outstanding differences by peaceful means.
2. Creation of a general European security system, accompanied by the dissolution of regional defence organisations and the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Europe.

### SOVIET LEADER'S SPEECH

Geneva, July 18.  
Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Prime Minister, in a speech to the four power "summit" conference here today said in part:

"The conference of the heads of the governments of the four powers convened in conformity with the desires of all the parties concerned is taking place at a time when a certain relaxation of tension in international relations is in evidence and when more favourable conditions have appeared for the settlement of outstanding international issues."

"What are the facts which have contributed to the relaxation of international tension?

"The first thing to be mentioned is the termination of bloodshed in Korea and also the cessation of hostilities in Indo-China—developments which undoubtedly represented a considerable success for the forces of peace."

"Furthermore it is necessary to stress the significance of such events as the conclusion of the state treaty with Austria; the normalisation of relations between the USSR and Yugoslavia which has paved the way for the development of friendship and co-operation between the two countries; the success of the conference of 29 Asian and African countries in Bandung; the visit to the Soviet Union of Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, as a result of which the friendly relations between the USSR and India have been strengthened still further; the proposal made by the Soviet Government to the German Federal Republic to establish diplomatic, commercial and cultural relations between the USSR and the GFR."

"It is also necessary to stress particularly the importance for relaxation of international tensions of the proposal made by the Soviet government on May 10 last on the reduction of armaments, prohibition of atomic and hydrogen weapons and removal of the threat of a new war."

"There are urgent issues dividing us, however. These issues have not been settled yet and that is the reason why the international situation in spite of a certain improvement still remains tense on the whole."

**COLD WAR**

**STILL ON**

"It is a fact that the so-called "cold war" is still on..."

"We were glad to hear President Eisenhower's statement..."

"Mr President pointed out the need to lift artificial barriers between the two peoples."

"We are in complete agreement with that..."

"In the opinion of the Soviet government the purpose of this conference is not to indulge in recriminations but to find ways and means to ease international tension and create an atmosphere of confidence in relations between nations."

"The Soviet government, for its part, is prepared to contribute together with the governments of the United States, France and Britain to follow suit..."

"The Soviet Government is

security with the participation in it of all European nations and of the United States of America, military groupings of some European nations directed against others should be replaced by a system of security based on the joint efforts of all the nations of Europe—a system the principles of which have been set forth in the well known proposals of the Soviet Government."

"The significance of this step becomes even more evident if viewed in relation to the reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic weapons."

"The withdrawal of foreign troops from the countries of Europe would greatly facilitate agreement both on the reduction of conventional armaments and on the prohibition of the use of the nuclear weapons."

"It stands to reason that in putting forward these considerations the Soviet Union does not insist on any special conditions for itself although the experience of history indicates that the Soviet Union has more valid reasons than some other nations to show concern for its Western frontiers. It is common knowledge that aggressors attacking our country on more than one occasion forced their way through the territories of countries situated to the West of frontiers of the Soviet Union."

**OBLIGATIONS**

**TO REMAIN**

"As far as the Soviet Union is concerned, it may, as in the past, favour a broad international co-operation in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy, the importance of which was stressed by President Eisenhower in his well known statement..."

"The Soviet government has taken a decision to contribute to the international pool of atomic materials of the international atomic energy agency an appropriate amount of fissile materials as soon as an agreement on setting up this agency has been reached."

"It should be pointed out in this connection that the Soviet Union considers it right to establish the levels proposed by the United States, Britain, France and Canada for the armed forces of the five powers. It would be a fact of great importance if this conference were to come out in favour of an international agreement embodying our common consent to establish the levels proposed by the United States, Britain, France and Canada for the armed forces of the five powers. It would be a fact of great importance if this conference were to come out in favour of an international agreement embodying our common consent to establish the levels proposed by the United States, Britain, France and Canada for the armed forces of the five powers. 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## TAX PAYERS WILL HAVE TO PAY MORE

Future Development  
Of Central African Federation

Salisbury, July 18.

The second budget of the Central African Federation now under debate in the House of Assembly, has shown that tax payers today will have to pay more towards the development that is bridging future prosperity.

There was a net surplus on last year's working of £2,700,000, approximately eight per cent of the whole budget.

But for the current year, the present rates of taxation would still leave a deficit of £2,300,000.

Consequently, increased duties are proposed on liquor and several luxury items like imported clothing and footwear, and on some necessities like automobiles and trucks, tyres, diesel spirit, lubricating oil, postage and telephone costs. Income tax is not to be increased.

## ROSY PICTURE

Apart from these increases, the Minister of Finance, Mr D. Maolntry, was able to paint a rosy picture of prosperity and a healthy finance.

The annual income increased by 12 per cent during the year. The Minister said that the most pleasant aspect was that this was not largely due to changes in prices, but represents almost entirely a genuine rise in prosperity in which most sections of the community have participated.

The value of the output of Southern Rhodesian industry increased during the year by more than nine per cent, and it is calculated that this rate of increase is being maintained during the current year.

The main item responsible for the anticipated deficit is the loss of £2,000,000 which was paid by the South African Government direct to the Rhodesians to subsidise the entry of South African manufacturers.

A new trade agreement between the Federation and South Africa signed only recently, has gone for towards abolishing the "most favoured nation" treatment between the two territories, which at the same time protected their special position.

In many industries the countries will now be in open competition.

There has been widespread criticism of the budget proposals and the debate on them is expected to be the longest in the history of the Federal Parliament.—France-Press.

Upon his arrival here, he said that when rioters tried to break down his door, "I fled because it was either they or I."

I was arrested, in reality, in order to protect me from the fury of my enemies."

M. Legrand charged that leaflets had been distributed warning that the prison would be taken by storm "to liberate the counter-terrorists and also to seize me and hang me."

The lawyer said he had been planning to come to France for a vacation anyhow, and the expulsion merely advanced the date.

Meanwhile, official sources said here today that the expulsion from French Morocco of French lawyer M. Legrand will not bring a halt to proceedings against him on a charge of voluntary homicide and failure to register a weapon.—France-Press.

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## US WITHDRAWING MORE TROOPS



PRINCE AKIHITO

### AMARRIAGE WILL BE ARRANGED

Tokyo, July 18. The newspaper *Sangyo Keizai* predicted today that Imperial Court officials will start "serious" consideration of a bride for Crown Prince Akihito this autumn.

The Tokyo newspaper, which held court, said that the selection of Prince Akihito's bride will be made because he is about to finish school.

The 21-year-old heir apparent to the world's oldest throne will complete his education next March at Gakushuin University, which until Japan's World War II surrender, was restricted to nobility.

## NEW PALACE

Imperial household officials, the newspaper added, are planning the construction of a new palace for the Crown Prince and his consort.

Prince Akihito, like past Japanese Crown Princes, has lived in a small palace up to his mother since he was a child.

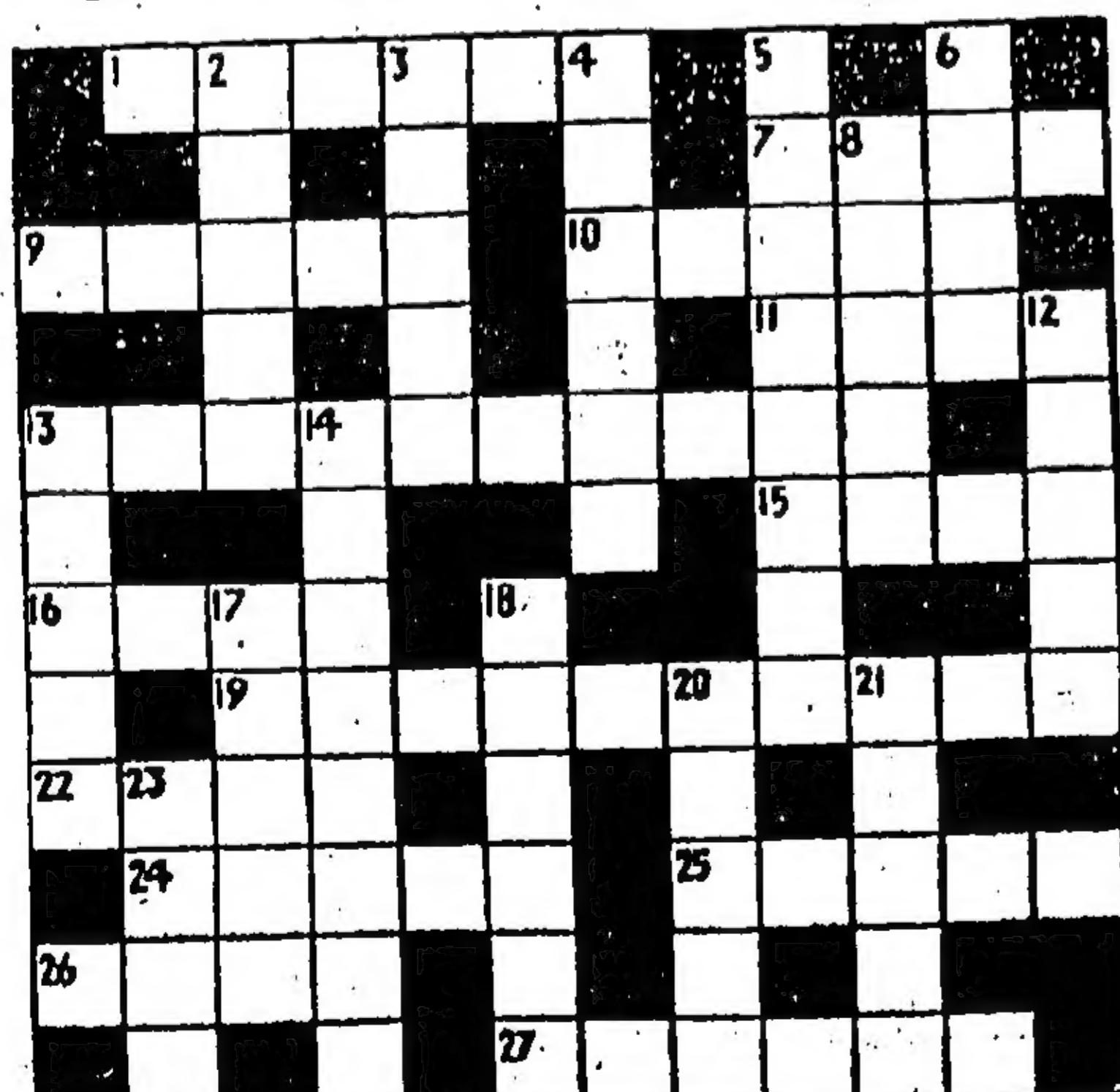
The woman to be the future Empress will be required to study Court rules and customs for about one year before marriage, the newspaper said. —United Press.

## NEW COMET

Moscow, July 18. Mr. A. Bakharev, an astronomer at the Stalinabad Observatory, has discovered a new comet of the eighth magnitude in the Pegasea Constellation, the Russian news agency Tass, reported.

The observatory is now studying the comet to determine its orbit. First observations have shown that it is moving away from the sun and the earth. —China Mail Special.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**

- Compelled (6)
- Egyptian goddess (4)
- Crest (5)
- Angry (5)
- Member of religious community (4)
- Reinforce (10)
- Experiment (4)
- Highest point (4)
- Make poor (10)
- Narrow road (4)
- Coppers (5)
- Clutch (5)
- Saucy (4)
- Steering-lover on boat (6)

**DOWN**

- Command (6)
- Free from dirt (6)
- Dollency (6)
- Distance across a circle (8)
- Legal right (4)
- Weight (5)
- Vessel (5)
- Little (5)
- Surprise (5)
- Secret (5)
- Foolish (5)
- Imitates (4)

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Diddle, 4 Fetch, 7 Armring, 8 Stain, 10 Camp, 12 Steeple, 15 Truce, 16 Aris, 17 Trio, 19 Irate, 20 Scouting, 21 Stun, 23 Vague, 24 Penman, 25 Strow, 26 Sover. Down: 1 Draughts, 2 Domestic, 3 Lone, 5 Entreats, 6 Chilli, 8 Stern, 11 Protrude, 12 Solon, 13 Pretence, 14 Earnings, 16 Reckit, 22 Done.

## PAUL ROBESON STILL AFTER PASSPORT

Washington, July 18. LEFT-WING Negro singer Paul Robeson today said he would go to Court if necessary to get a passport from the Immigration Department. Mr. Robeson told reporters that he has been arbitrarily and unlawfully denied him for the past five years.

Mr. Robeson met this morning with Mr. Raymond Yingling, Assistant Legal Adviser at the Department. Mr. Yingling told him there was nothing he could do about the passport. Mr. Robeson told reporters that he has been arbitrarily and unlawfully denied him for the past five years.

He would take the case to the District Federal Court. Mrs. Knight had an appointment with Mr. Robeson, but she had to cancel it because she was called to testify on the Passport Division's funds by the Senate Appropriations Committee. She sent Mr. Robeson to Mr. Yingling. —United Press.



### Title Deeds Distributed

## 15 Murder Charges Against Native

Durban, July 18. An African named Ellifasi Msomi, who has been committed for trial on 15 charges of murder by blows from an axe, two of attempted murder, one of rape and one of attempted rape, said in evidence that he could not "deny these crimes of axe killings" because he had been under the influence of "tokoloshe."

The court interpreter told the court that the word "tokoloshe" did not permit of any literal translation. The generally accepted interpretation was a "mythical" fairy-like creature.

Speaking through an interpreter, Msomi said that he was a doctor, not a person who owned a chemist shop, but just a doctor.

**DOCTORED MANY** "I doctor many people who come to me," he said, adding "then I noticed that my practice was failing off, and I went to a doctor to seek a medicine for luck charms, to make people come to me."

He said that he went to see one Ngengwana Madondo and told him that he had come to buy medicine, and gave him £2.

"He gave me medicine, two types of it," the accused said.

He said that he followed Madondo's instructions, but no patients came to see him. Next day he carried out the same procedure, but still no patients arrived.

"I suspected that the doctor had taken my money for nothing and decided to return the remains of the medicine to him and ask him to refund my money," he said.

Continuing his testimony, the defendant said, "The next morning I went to the bag to get Madondo's medicine. The bag was open and I noticed that there was a creature, an animal (isilwane) inside. It was a person. It had hands and feet and a head."

He told Madondo that the medicine he had supplied was useless and that he had seen an animal in the bag.

Madondo told him: "That animal is my boy (my son) and you will take him about with you. I want the blood of people to add to my chemist shop. I want 10 persons, and among them must be a child, the 10th."

The doctor told him: "You will go with this tokoloshe of mine, and firstly the blood of a girl is required."

**OBJECTED** The defendant continued: "I objected there and then, saying: 'No I will not go with this creature.'"

The tokoloshe then spoke and said: "Brother, we shall go."

The doctor added: "You will go with this tokoloshe of mine. You will do as it says."

Msomi said that he did as he was prompted. It was not of his own free will to go, he said, adding: "I went, I and the tokoloshe."

He then described how he and the tokoloshe had gone to a kraal (small African village) where a woman, Mundhlova, had fallen in love with him. The people at her kraal were not able to see the tokoloshe. "I saw it, they only saw me," Msomi said.

The creature told him that they were going a long way to a place where there was a certain girl whom he (the tokoloshe) had seen.

The three of them proceeded along together, the tokoloshe being invisible to Mundhlova.

They were given assistance at the kraal, and the tokoloshe pointed out Oliva Kumbula (the dead girl in the first count of the charge).

The tokoloshe instructed him to tell the girl that she had been engaged to Mundhlova's brother, and the girl consented readily.

"She was caused to do so by the will of the tokoloshe, and by the medicine," Msomi said.

All the crimes were committed under the command of the tokoloshe, he added.

**WAS COMPELLED** The thing then troubled him no longer. "Everything that happened I did not do on my own wish, I was compelled to do it," he declared.

Msomi was committed for trial, and elected to be tried by a judge and two assessors. —France-Press.

### Jay Walkers Fired

Bangkok, July 18. The first week of new road safety measures on one road in Chinatown here brought fines to 1,037 pedestrians for "jay walking" (crossing the road without care).

Ninety policemen were posted to keep watch.

**SILENCE IN MILAN**

Milan will have a rare day of silence today as motorists avoid being recorded by 200 police armed with phonometers—Instruments which measure sound.

The days of an anti-noise campaign have already led to fines against 200 offenders. Phonometers now have been issued to intensify the campaign.—China Mail Special.

### Geisha Strike Called Off

Tokyo, July 18. Geisha girls in Maruyama, a

gay quarter in the Shiba-ya ward, Tokyo, today ended a week-long strike when restaurant owners agreed to pay them 350 yen (seven shillings) instead of the current 300 yen (six shillings) per hour for their services.

The Geishas said the amount was far from what they had asked, but they were ending the strike because they did not wish to give further "inconveniences" to their patrons.—China Mail Special.

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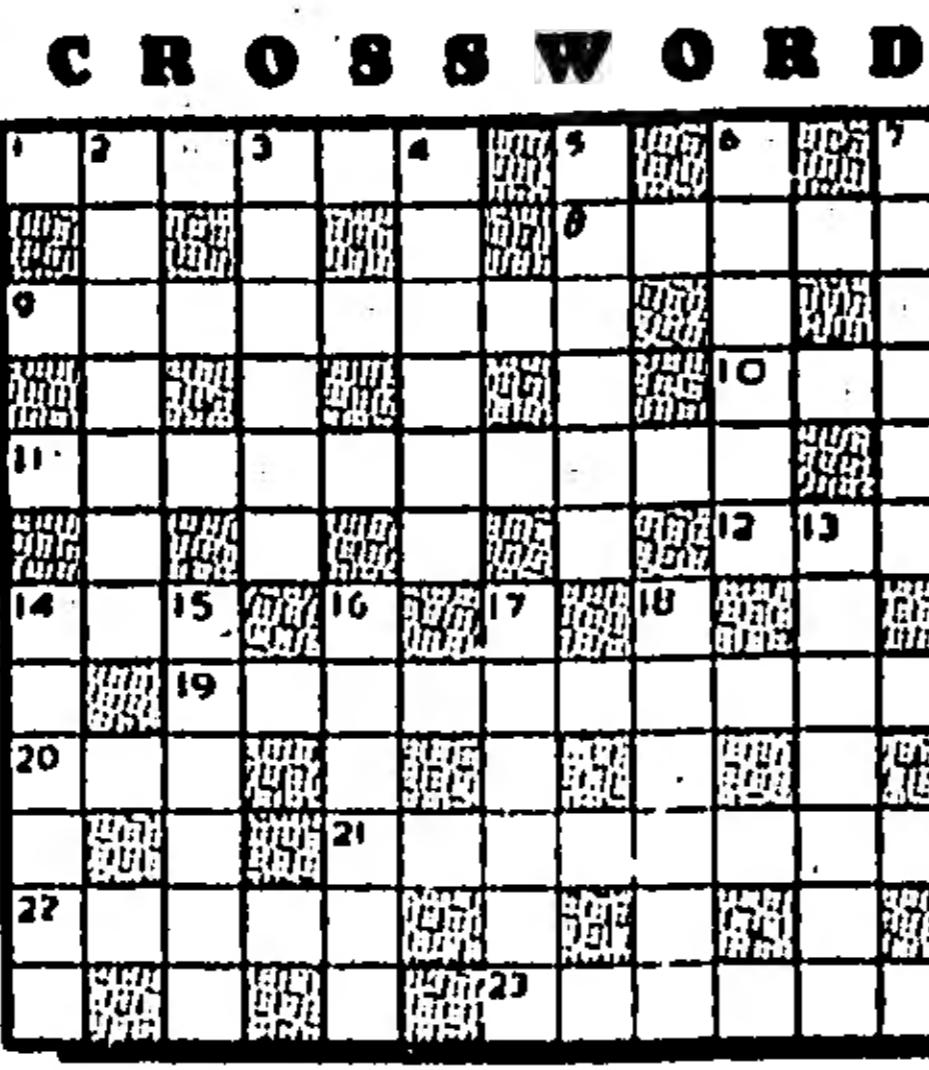
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2. Make do. (6)  
3. Pe. hate, often. (8)  
10. Fine part. (6)  
11. Regular royal ladies (6)  
12. Hammock without the wine. (3)  
14. Poly's med. (8)  
19. Trip in mud (anag.). (10)  
20. With a foot in front, it adds up to a robber. (8)

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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Muffing Defence Is Easy in This Hand

By OSWALD JACOBY

MOST bridge players would muffle the defence if the hand shown today, so it isn't surprising that it puzzled many of the players in the recent Intercollegiate Championships in America. This is the sort of hand that many people play well on paper, but few play well at the bridge table, where it really counts.

West opens the eight of diamonds against the very normal contract of four spades. East wins with the king of diamonds, and South plays the six. East knows that West has led his highest diamond, and that South therefore still has the queen and the jack.

The chances are that the average player in the East seat takes the ace of diamonds at the second trick, while trying to decide what to do next. By that time, however, it is too late to decide anything at all. South is now in position to

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, JULY 19

BORN today, you have a great deal of confidence in your own capabilities. You are one who others will turn in a crisis, for your powers of leadership will exert themselves under pressure. You may appear to be very quiet and prepossessing until the time comes when your particular talents are needed. Then you come up to the barrier and take the jump like a champion!

You are strong on discipline—for the other fellow. Not that you don't hold yourself to a rigid schedule, as well, but you do have some temperamental quirks which you pamper—and don't expect others to imitate. You have keen intuitions and are inclined to follow your "hunches." You are apt to be perfectly right, too! This snap judgment is perhaps one of the basic elements of your quick success. You are not one to sit around and wait for fate to call your name. This

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 20**  
CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Don't go off the deep end just now but make a conservative choice if two decisions are offered.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—The stars are shining on all of your affairs so make the best of it. Achieve something of great importance.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be very careful if it comes to making a business decision which involves any operation of money.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Be careful today. You could lose some of the advantages gained yesterday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 Nov. 22)—You must be prudent in making important decisions. Do not act in haste or you will make a mistake.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If an important matter comes up for approval, be sure to think it over carefully before deciding.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Your job may be placed at stake by what happens today, so act with caution in whatever you do.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Patience will help you over an emotional hurdle, especially if it is caused by disappointment in your planning.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If you need to make purchases today, you will find there are good bargains if you hunt for them.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—Aries must do his thinking as he wins the first trick. He can be sure of getting two diamonds and one club. One additional trick is needed to defeat the contract. If that trick is to be a heart (and it can hardly be anything else), East must lead a heart immediately, right up to dummy's ace-jack.

When East leads a heart at the second trick, West plays the queen, forcing out dummy's ace. This puts East in position to take a heart trick and defeat the contract.

**CARD Sense**  
Q—The bidding has been:

North East South West  
1 Spade Pass 2 Clubs Pass

2 Diamonds Pass ?

You South, hold:

AS ♥ ♦ KJ63 ♣AQJ652

What do you do?

A—Bid five diamonds. This dramatic jump raise shows freakish length in clubs and diamonds, without the solidity that would permit you to make a slam try of your own. If North has two or more aces, he can bid a slam by himself.

**TODAY'S QUESTION**

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

AS ♥ A63 ♦KJ632 ♣AKJ65

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

## TARGET

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L	O	E
O	S	W

How many words of four letters or more can you make in this? Letters in the word must be used in the order given, but the letters in the word may be used in any order. Each word must be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square. There must be at least one nine-letter word in the centre. No plurals; no forms of verbs; no nouns; no names.

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## CHESS PROBLEM

By J. BUCHWALD

Black, 8 pieces.

White to play: mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, K—B4, any; 2, R, B, or Kt

mate.

White, 7 pieces.

White to play: mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, K—B4, any; 2, R, B, or Kt

mate.

**Rupert & the Distant Music—14**

White to play: mate in three.

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**Rupert & the Distant**

## THE OPEN: PETER THOMSON SHOWED THAT SUCCESSFUL GOLF AND AWFUL SOLEMNITY NEED NOT GO TOGETHER

By HENRY LONGHURST

I still do not know what exactly goes to make a great Championship, as against an ordinary one, but, whatever it is, this year's Open certainly had it. Indeed, it was a vintage year from the start.

As a setting, St Andrews is, of course, supreme, and one was conscious several times that here was a scene that was going to stay in the memory for ever—the Old course, for instance, stretching away into the distance completely outlined on both sides by a mile long human boundary of roped-off spectators; the sea mist sweeping in dramatically at the last moment, and the last couple emerging from it for all the world as though it were the final episode in the *Hound of the Baskerville*; the crowd breaking the barriers at the end to surround the club house just as they did when we won the Walker Cup here before the war.

That the right man won there could be no question. There are golfers who carry on as though till the ears of the world lay on their shoulders. Peter Thomson, who tries as hard as he knows how, shows that successful golf and awful solemnity need not go together. He bounded along with a gay insouciance that endears him to the spectator, and he takes the rough as cheerfully as the smooth. Nothing could have been much rougher than the seven which temporarily collapsed his little world at the final round.

### MISSING THE BOAT

A couple of lives in the last four holes and he would have missed the boat. There was a long delay before he could putt from twelve feet for his three at the 15th, but he seemed quite unmoved by it and when the time came rapped the ball straight into the hole.

For John Fallon, pipped on the post by Thomson once again—he was beaten by him on the same course in last year's match play final at the 38th—there must be an enthusiastic “one for the loser.” Spare, not over-strong, and in his middle forties, Fallon

### SHAKEN RIGID

He was not in the least offensive about it. He was simply shaken rigid.

### HKSA ANNUAL MEETING

## Softball Declining In Popularity?

Is Hongkong gradually losing interest in softball? Members of the Hongkong Softball Association at their Annual General Meeting yesterday at the Club de Lusitano seemed to think so.

Reasons brought up to support this view were a considerable drop in gate receipts at Softball League and exhibition matches, a big loss on the Taiwan Blue Eagles series and a poor response to the Beginners' League.

Dr F. J. Malthen, for many years Softball Commissioner, has tendered his resignation. Mr Harold Wing Lee has resigned as Chairman. Others elected were: Hon Secretary: Mr Willie Woo; Hon Treasurer: Mr D. S. Ling (re-elected). Council Members: Messrs Ed Carvalho, A. J. Hussain, S. H. Hamei, and C. C. Lee.

The meeting's final decision was to request Dr. Malthen to reconsider his decision to resign. The current Commissioner stated in his letter that his resignation would be effective from August 1.

### TOUR DE FRANCE

## France's Bobet Shows His Supremacy Over Stiff Mountain Climb

Avignon, July 18.

Curly-haired Louis Bobet, France's World Cycling Champion, spurted out on the 11th lap of the Tour de France over 123 miles from Marseilles to this ancient city of Popes and Bridges today to reveal his supremacy in road cycling.

After conserving his energy in the first half—there are 22 laps—he took the lap and the stiff gradient of the 5,800-foot high Ventoux mountain in his stride to place him second in the overall classification and four minutes 50 seconds behind Antonin Rolland, also in the French team, who wears the yellow sweater as overall leader.

Luxembourg's young Charly Gaul riding in the international team who shone as the ace climber in the French Alps trailed to 13th place in today's lap, four minutes 59 seconds behind Bobet.

Leaders set up a terrific pace on the flat hoping to draw and tire out the mountain men before the Ventoux climb.

Bobet's younger brother, Jean, a professor in English, and who carries a pocket-sized edition of Shakespeare with him on the Tour was with the leaders.

**COLOURED BEADS**

The riders started to spread out like a string of coloured beads as they attacked the Ventoux with Louis Bobet and Jean Brankart of Belgium taking the lead two miles from the summit.

Robert led. Brankart by 61 seconds over the top. He in-



### BAILEY'S OUT

Stonewall Bailey, who made an invaluable 44, is caught behind the wicket by Waite off Adcock at Old Trafford in the Third Test between England and South Africa.—Central Press Photo.

### COUNTY CRICKET

## Statham Shows A Complete Return To Fitness

London, July 18.

Brian Statham, the Lancashire fast bowler, who today was named in the England team for the Fourth Cricket Test against South Africa, showed complete return to fitness by hitting the highest score of his career and then taking four wickets for 34 runs against Leicestershire at Manchester in the English County Cricket programme.

Statham's 62 runs made in half an hour included two sixes, 12 fours and two singles all scored off 23 deliveries.

He and Australian-born Ken Grievs put on 68 runs for the seventh wicket and Cyril Washbrook declared at 389 for nine when 93 had been added in 45 minutes.

At Bristol: Warwickshire 387 for seven declared. Gloucestershire 169 (Crapp 53, Hollies, right-arm slow leg break, five for 52) and 148 for five (Milton 59).

At Lord's: Middlesex 227 and 110 for seven. Yorkshire 270 (Wilson 55, Lawson 116, Timus, right-arm off-break five for 65).

At Chesterfield: Hampshire 214 and 89 (Gladwin, right-arm medium, four for 28). Derbyshire 145 (Gray, right-arm medium, four for 28) and 35 for two.

At Huddersfield: Kent 60 and 171 for four (Pettiford not out 63, Shirren not out 51). Sussex 259 for nine declared (Parks 59, Sheppard 52).

At Tadcaster: Somerset 300, Essex 140 for three (Dodd not out 80). No further play after 60 runs ahead of Yorkshire.

At Kidderminster: Worcestershire 278 and 89 for two. Nottinghamshire 147 (Perks, right-arm fast medium, seven for 71.) Rain stopped play for the day 90 minutes before the scheduled close.—Reuter.

### FRANCE SOCCER TEAM BEATEN

Barcelona, Spain, July 18. Egypt's soccer team crushed France 6-2 in the Mediterranean Games. Egypt's teamwork was superb and her players controlled the ball most of the time.—Associated Press.

### ACM Postponed

The Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Table Tennis Association scheduled to have been held at the South China Athletic Association yesterday, was postponed.

### THE GAMBOLS



### SOUTH AFRICAN TOUR

## With Nine Wickets Intact, Surrey Need 241 Runs To Win

London, July 18.

Offspinners Hugh Tayfield of South Africa and Jim Laker of Surrey took the bowling honours on the second day of the tourists' match against the Champion Cricket County at the Oval here today.

At the close of play Surrey, with nine wickets intact, still needed 241 runs to beat the South Africans. Scores were: South Africans 224 and 170. Surrey 140 and 34 for one.

Both Tayfield and Laker made the ball turn on the dusty pitch on a day when 19 wickets fell for 13 runs in eight overs and two balls.

### SIMMELST TOTALS

Before becoming one of Tayfield's victims England captain Peter May, scored 62 in 2½ hours out of Surrey's 140 in one of their smallest totals of the season.

Bull light under clouded skies made things harder for the batsmen and South Africa soon found their first innings lead of 104 anything but commanding. Pace bowler Alec Bedser dismissed Russell Endean with one run on the board but the tourists' troubles began when Laker came on with the total at 95 for three and disposed of McLean, Duckworth and Winslow, three dashing batsmen, for 10 runs in 14 balls.

The South Africans were out for 170, Laker claiming five wickets for 50. Surrey lost Mickle Stewart at 21 and Tom Clarke and May safely played out time.

Queen Elizabeth watched part of the match. Here first visit to the Oval as patron of the Surrey Cricket Club.—Reuter.

### Sports Diary

#### TODAY

##### Tennis

Men's 11th Division: H.C.C. v. F.C.C.; K.C.C. v. M.C.C.; K.C.C. v. K.C.C.; K.C.C. v. C.C.C.; C.C.C. v. L.R.C.; L.R.C. v. K.C.C.; C.C.C. v. K.C.C.

##### Lawn Bowls

Open Pairs Championship: Matches at H.C.C.; K.C.C.; L.R.C.; Talcott; K.C.C.; Third Division: K.C.C. v. D.C.C. at 5.30 p.m.

##### Badminton

H.K. Badminton Association Committee Meeting, Marine House 5.30 p.m.

##### TOMORROW

##### Lawn Bowls

Open Pairs Championship: Matches at H.C.C.; K.C.C.; Revere; C.C.C.; Talcott; K.C.C.

##### Swimming

H.K.A. Executive Committee, Swimming Gala at 3.15 p.m. S.C.M. Post Box 1000, Tamar Pool, commencing 2.30 p.m.

## BASEBALL RESULTS

New York, July 18. Major League baseball results today were:

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

#### Kansas City, July 18.

Washington easily defeated the Kansas City Athletics 6-3 giving the Senators a sweep of the three game series. Roy Sievers hit two home runs and a double and Eddie Yost had a homer for Washington.

#### Chicago, July 18.

Jim Wilson shut out the Chicago White Sox with two hits to pitch the Baltimore Orioles to a 3-0 victory. The Sox snapped the Sox seven-game winning streak.

#### Baltimore, July 18.

R. H. E. Washington ..... 6 6 1 Kansas City ..... 3 10 4

#### Home run—Baltimore, Trandos.

#### Practice Shoot Scores

A fairly good attendance was recorded at the Association's bi-monthly practice shoot held at Kai Tak Range on Sunday, July 17. Although the weather was rather warm, it was a fine day for shooting, with good visibility and only a slight breeze blowing. Fortunately, the shooting finished at 1.30 p.m. for quarter an hour later the rain began to pour. A few newcomers from the Gurkha Rifles swelled the ranks to 42. The following are the scores:

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K.C. Hoo (CRV) ..... 31 33 33 97 J.P. Balcerz (SC) ..... 31 30 33 93 K.Y. Eu (K.Y. Eu) ..... 31 31 31 93 G.H. R. (K.Y. Eu) ..... 31 31 31 93 A.R. Robinson (BN) ..... 31 31 31 93 R.T. Archer (DF) ..... 31 31 31 93 Mabel Wong (CIV) ..... 31 31 31 93 M. Rosina (DF) ..... 31 30 30 91 Wong Boi (CIV) ..... 31 30 30 91 Wm. Gillies (DF) ..... 31 31 31 93 L.A. Rosina (CIV) ..... 31 31 31 N.P. Pavri (DF) ..... 31 31 31 T. Buckley (DF) ..... 31 31 31 93 H.D. Hyndman (DF) ..... 31 31 31 93 E.Y. Mao (DF) ..... 31 31 31 93 E.K. Abbas (DF) ..... 31 31 31 93 C. H. Adams (DF) ..... 31 31 31 93 F.C. Ko (H.K.P.) ..... 31 31 31 93 A.M. X. (H.K.P.) ..... 31 31 31 93 M. N. N. (H.K.P.) ..... 31 31 31 93 E.M. Fisher (TRAMC) ..... 31 31 31 93 J. Morgan (DCRE) ..... 31 31 31 93 G. M. Evans (C) ..... 31 31 31 93 K. Howard (DF) ..... 31 31 31 93 G.M. Groholsky (DF) ..... 31 31 31 93 J. C. G. (DF) ..... 31 31 31 93 Aziz Ahmed (H.K.P.) ..... 31 31 31 93 Dabashader Pun (2/2 GR) ..... 31 31 31 93 Dabashader Pun (2/2 GR) ..... 31 31 31 93 Chitrabhadur (2/2 GR) ..... 31 31 31 93 M. M. M. (2/2 GR) ..... 31 31 31 93 M. T. Taylor (HS) ..... 31 31 31 93 Chumarsingh Gurung (2/2 GR) ..... 31 31 31 93 Thapa (2/2 GR) ..... 31 31 31 93 Gaganpandit Thapa (2/2 GR) ..... 31 31 31 93 Chitrabhadur (2/2 GR) ..... 31 31 31 93 M. M. M. (2/2 GR) ..... 31 31 31 93 M. Latif (H.K.P.) ..... 31 31 31 93 Chitrabhadur (2/2 GR) ..... 31 31 31 93 Chan Kit (DF) ..... 31 31 31 93 K. Biggin (NS) ..... 31 31 31 93 T. Buckley, E. M. E. Abbas, S. M. E. Eensor, K. Howard, M. D. Pun (H.K.P.) ..... 31 31 31 93 The next Shoot will be a combined shoot for the N.R.A. Overseas Postal Matches and will be held at Stonecutters' Range on July 21. Boels will leave Kowloon Steps (next to Kowloon Star Ferry Pier) on Saturday at 3.00 p.m. and Sunday at 5.00 p.m. sharp.

The 12th man will be announced later.—China Mail Special.

London, July 18. England's team for the Fourth Test against South Africa, opening at Leeds on Thursday, has no recognised opening batsman and no offspinner or right-arm leg-spin bowler.

The continued break in the Tyson-Statham combination must weaken the attack. Tyson was not considered owing to a twisted ankle.

Now Statham is joined by Lander, who went through seven Tests in Australia and New Zealand as an onlooker, while Tyson and Statham carried all before them after the first Test at Brisbane.

Insole, the Essex captain, has been playing consistently well this season. He has scored five centuries and was the first batsman to reach 1,000 runs this season. He is a useful change bowler and a fine slip fielder.

McInroy, playing in his benefit year, has been in fine form with the bat and the need for potential runs must have counted in his favour.

England's team, with six changes from the side beaten in the Third Test, is: P. B. H. May (captain), T. E. Bailey, D. C. S. Compton, T. W. Graveney, D. J. Insole, P. J. Lander, G. A. R. Lock, A. J. McIntyre, J. B. Statham, J. H. Wardle, W. Watson.

The following are the winners of the 1955 N.R.A. Overseas Postal Matches and will be held at Stonecutters' Range on July 21. Boels will leave Kowloon Steps (next to Kowloon Star Ferry Pier) on Saturday at 3.00 p.m. and Sunday at 5.00 p.m. sharp.

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## RAF Will Challenge Army Supremacy At Athletics

Says ARCHIE QUICK:

When the Inter-Services Athletic Championships at Aldershot come along shortly the Army, for all their stars like Bomber Brian Hewson, will meet tough opposition from the RAF if the Airmen's Championships at Uxbridge are any criterion.

For instance, the Army has no-one likely to challenge Flying Officer Roy Sandstrom in the two sprints. This fair curly-headed Adonis from Hull not only repeated his "double" of last year but his 9.8 secs. for the 100 yards equalled the English Native Record.

What is more his 21.9 secs. for the furlong was only 1/10th second outside the record set up in 1947 by a Leading Aircraftman Emmanuel McDonald Bailey. That is sprinting neither the Army nor the Navy can compete with.

## FANLING GOLF

M. O'Kelly won a full handicap Medal Competition played over the Old Course at Fanling during the week-end with a return of 91-22-Nett 69. G. M. Macwhinnie being runner-up with 83-12-71 and J. D. Macleod in third place with 70-3-Nett 73.

The following is the programme arranged for children's golf at the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Deep Water Bay Course:

Thursday—August 4, Midget competition.

Thursday—August 11, Stableford.

Thursday—August 18, Three Club.

Thursday—August 25, Mixed Shanghai Foursomes.

Thursday—September 1, Bogey.

No official competitions will be held on the mornings of July 21 and 28 but children will be encouraged to play on these days and submit cards for handicap purposes. Children are advised to obtain a local handicap as early as possible, as those who do not possess one are not eligible to compete for prizes in the August-September competitions.

### PRIZE GIVING DAY

It is expected that prize-giving day will be Thursday, September 8, when long Driving, Pitch and Putt, and Putting competitions will be held, followed at about 4 p.m. by the customary Parents' and Children's two-ball Foursomes and the presentation of prizes at about 7 p.m.

The dates for Senior and Junior Championships will be announced later.

Golfers who have any old clubs, balls or other golf equipment which they would like to donate for the use of children on Summer Vacation are asked to please hand this over to the Steward, Deep Water Bay Clubhouse or get in touch with the Club office (Telephones 23448 and 32340).

Enquiries regarding Children's Golf should be made to Mrs. W. P. Birtwhistle (Tel. 29884) who is in charge this year.

## Four Australian Tennis Players To Tour India

Melbourne, July 18. The Council of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia decided tonight to accept an invitation to send two men and two women ranking players to tour India from December 12, 1955, to January 1, 1956.

The decision, however, stipulated that Davis Cup players Ken Rosewall and Lew Hoad should not be sent because the Indian tour would coincide with the South Australian Championships.—China Mail Special.

## Must This Carter Lightweight Serial Continue?

By HARRY CARPENTER

No greater condemnation of boxing's pernicious return-fight clause need be quoted than the case of the world Lightweight Championship.

New York Negro Jimmy Carter has fought in every one of the 11 title fights held at this weight since 1951, sometimes as champion, sometimes as challenger.

At Boston, Carter lost the title for the third time and he is guaranteed a return contest with the winner, Wallace Bud Smith, another Negro, within 90 days, despite the world championship committee's ban on such arrangements.

Here is a case where the committee on which Britain is represented, should act. But what can it do?

Carter and Smith are tied up with the gigantic U.S. boxing monopoly, the International Boxing Club which controls nearly all current World Champions, from Rocky Marciano downwards.

The only thing which may stop the 90-day clause being operated this time is the state of Carter's eyes. They needed 15 stitches after his points defeat, and will take many weeks to heal.

## This man has Soccer's toughest job

Jesse Carver, Coventry City's new boss, is one of the highest paid managers in the game—but he has Soccer's toughest job. He has come back from an amazingly successful career in Italy to try to transform the fortunes of a struggling Third Division club.

### MEET THE BOSS—by JAMES CONNOLY

Fabulous is the only word to describe the Soccer career of Jesse Carver, the new Coventry City manager—but he has asked me to deny the stories of the fabulous salary he is supposed to be getting.

Carver has been credited with £100 a week, but although his is one of the best-paid jobs in the game, you can take it from me that £100 a week is a fantastic exaggeration.

In Italy, though, they would tell you that no figure is too high for the man who became a national figure in the build-up of Italian Soccer through his handling of Juventus, Mazzotto, Torino, and Roma.

His international reputation began in Holland in 1946, when he took charge of the Dutch national team. He came back in 1948 as Millwall trainer and England "B" coach.

He went to Italy the next year to manage Juventus and take them to their first Italian championship in 18 years.

Two seasons later Carver returned to coach West Bromwich Albion and laid the foundations of their great side of 1953-54.

In 1952 he returned again to Italy.

Under Carver Torino pulled out of the depression which hit them after an air disaster wiped out their team and Roma had their best run in years.

But there's no drum beating by the publicly-hating Jesse.

"I am no wonder manager, no miracle man," he told me. "I made no promises to Coventry, except to do all I could all the time."

"I'm in the dark, starting right from scratch. I have only seen Coventry play for 70 minutes (against Southend). I can't judge players on that; I must see them play a few matches first."

DEMANDING FANS

"It's a tough job for Carver to live up to the great expectations of the demanding fans. They must give him time."

Forty-three, Carver was born 30 years in football. Amazing, but true!

He signed as an amateur for Blackburn Rovers, on his Liverpool school-desk, when he was only 13½.

When a boy has six brothers and a father, all Soccer fanatics, his decision doesn't need any explaining.

Carver was being coached at an age when most lads are licking lollipops.

## Seven Notts Forest Players On Open To Transfer List

Manager Billy Walker caused a stir in the Nottingham Forest dressing-room by putting seven of his players on the open-to-transfer list. Including some high-fee signings, the list reads:

Ron Blackman, centre forward from Reading (who cost £7,500); Hugh McLaren, winger from Derby County (£6,000); Alan Orr, inside forward from Third Lanark (£6,000); Noel Kelly, inside forward from Crystal Palace; Alan Holder, Frank Barclay, and Jim Clark.

Reason for the firm stand by the Forest strong man is that some of the players have refused terms for next Soccer season.

Mr. Walker said: "We are prepared to accept offers for all these players, and it is quite likely they will soon be with other clubs."

Although Mr. Walker would not confirm that Blackman is to join Bournemouth, it is understood the Hampshire-born centre forward is likely to make that move soon particularly as he has been with Portsmouth, and with Portsmouth, was recently signed by Norwich.

IBC boss, Jim Norris, is not looking West for the venue for this fight, however. Likely scene of action: Chicago or New York.

Pat McAtee, British and Empire middleweight Champion, will have one fight in Britain before his projected trip to South Africa this autumn.

ADVICE FOR THOM

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JESSE CARVER—"I'm no miracle man."



REG MATTHEWS—He will

brightened up. It shines with the light blue and cream paint-work scheme, mapped out and supervised by Mrs Erle Shanks, wife of the chairman.

TOO VALUABLE

The players' recreation room has been extended. They can have a snack or a meal, listen to the wireless, relax with a book or play a game of cards.

For the first time they will enjoy the luxury of track-suits, bath robes and wooden sandals for pottering around the dressing rooms.

No mere pretty pretty stuff either. Footballers, like race-horses, are too valuable to be risked.

It is just a simple precaution against infection, a splinter in the foot, or a chill. And of course it provides a little extra comfort.

He doesn't make rash promises or forecasts. His achievements are the guarantee that he knows his job.—London Express Service.

### SPORTS ROUND UP

## Len Hutton Blames English Climate For His Poor Health

Len Hutton, out of Test cricket for a season, and perhaps for good, blames the English weather. He says, "I could play a Test series in a hot country, but in the English climate I don't feel up to it."

If it were not for my health, I would have expected another six years in first-class cricket. The trouble gets worse.

It is too early yet to say that I have finished with top-class cricket, but if there is no improvement between now and September the decision will be made for me. It's up to the English climate."

Great Britain, for the first time, will compete in the Tour de France, top race in the Continental cycling calendar, which starts from Le Havre on July 7. The British team includes Ian Stoeck of Glasgow, a "round Britain" winner, Tony Hoare, Dave Bedwell and Bob Malland, who have distinguished themselves in races on the Continent.

Pat McAtee, the 22-year-old miner who won Johnny Sullivan's British and Empire middleweight titles last week, now looks to higher honours.

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## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, July 18. Stocks gave ground today when interest waned after an active and higher start. Market influences were favourable—including widespread optimism over the prospects for the summit conference of world leaders at Geneva.

Normal profit-taking—and the heat—worked against the market however. The decline was a modest one. Most losses were limited to less than a point, and volume dwindled with turnover totalling 2,160,000 shares, compared with 2,230,000 on Friday. Industrial shares lost just a few cents on average as gains of a point or more in General Motors, General Foods, Du Pont and National Steel and a 2-point rise in Procter and Gamble tempered declining among the leaders.

A 3-point loss in Union Pacific and a drop of more than 2 points in Kansas City Southern weighed on rails, pulling their average down over a point.

Of a total 1,107 issues traded, 522 closed lower while 407 were higher.

Steels were most lower. Activity centred in Avco Manufacturing and International Telephone, both up fractionally.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$4,000,000. American Stock Exchange volume was 720,000 shares. Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	409.97
20 rails	168.00
63 stocks	63.27
40 bonds	169.10
Comin. future price index	151.29

## AMERICAN ECONOMY

## Wall Street Watching Geneva Developments

By JOHN MORKA

New York, July 18. Wall Streeters were cautiously hopeful that the Big Four conference at Geneva this week might lay the groundwork for a lessening of political tensions and for an accompanying expansion in world trade.

A successful Geneva conference could have dynamic economic repercussions, it is emphasised in financial circles here.

According to observers it could:

- 1. Bolster international business psychology and spark a dynamic growth in production.
- 2. Boost international trade and the movement of investment funds across borders.
- 3. Help lift East-West trade from current restrictive channels.
- 4. Provide an era of relative peace and stability and a climate most suitable for the agricultural and industrial growth of the so-called under-developed nations of the world.
- 5. Lay the basis for a mutually profitable exchange of information on the peaceful applications of atomic energy.

## PEACE ASSURANCES

Assurances of peace—along with actual peace—would undoubtedly give a "new look" to world trade along lines deemed impossible under present cold war tensions, according to observers here.

Wall Streeters are far from pessimistic about the Geneva conference—despite official warnings not to expect too much from the talks. Many see in the conference a genuine opportunity—to some it is only an opportunity and nothing else—for progress and peace for the first time in many years.

These hopeful observers point to the recent firm behaviour of the security prices as an indication of the underlying business and investor confidence that the Geneva talks will not be altogether fruitless.

Liverpool prices were strong reflecting the lack of a Government price here and a survey in New York which showed that many legislative proposals which affect retailers and the textile-apparel industries will not reach the final action stage this year.

A leading spot firm noted a decided improvement in demand for spot cotton in the Atlanta area last week, both from prompt and forward deliveries. Old inch and longer staple was in good demand with offerings somewhat.

Stock prices, it is explained, have moved higher by six per cent over the past six weeks—at a time preparations for the Geneva conference occupied international attention and speculation.

Wall Street attribute part of this market rise to a growing anticipation of a drop in the cold war tensions at Geneva.

For US business especially, any improvement in this direction would open new markets and opportunities for overseas investments. Already, it is pointed out, despite overhanging clouds of the cold war, American investors have been buying foreign securities at a faster pace than ever before, despite threats of confiscation, war and loss.

## PROMISE OF PEACE

The promise of peace would mean, therefore, more production—bigger and more efficient—bigger profits, favourable dividends. The promise of peace would focus attention on those American companies with large foreign investments, and on the possibility of large-scale investment overseas.

Workable agreements reached at Geneva—or at least the promise of some—would be a favourable development for the stock market, according to observers. On the promise of uninterrupted production and sales, securities would be expected to continue bullish, in the opinion of many.

A broader international trading market—one which conceivably could result from the Geneva talks—would mean change in emphasis for investors.

Whereas the market formerly discounted the value of earnings from operations outside the United States, it is stressed, the situation may then be in the process of being reversed.

A continuation of the high level of economic activity in the United States and in Europe into 1956 will undoubtedly result in a revised interest by American investors in buying foreign securities and bonds.

## ALL-TIME PEAK

Already American interest in foreign securities is at a post-war peak. Right now, according to analysts here, the American public owns more British and Dutch securities, for example, than ever before. And this trend is not confined to these two countries only.

West German issues are becoming increasingly popular. Swiss issues, as Montecatini, General Italian Edison and Fiat Motors—despite the shaky Italian economy and the ever present threat of Communist disturbances.

Japanese and French issues are being given a favourable look once again. As usual British and South African shares are the most popular in the American investors portfolio of foreign listings. Among the leaders are such gilt-edge issues as Great Universal Stores,

Tide Water Asphalt Oil, Twenty Century Fox Film, Union Carbide, and others.

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per £1) 5.51

Australian dollar (per £1) 12.00

Indonesian rupiah (per £100) 15.10

Singapore dollar (per £1) 1.50

Indonesian rupiah (per £100) 15.00

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## New York Foreign Exchange

New York, July 18. Canada official 81.014

England official 81.75-10/32

30-day futures 81.75-10/32

90-day futures 81.75-10/32

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## Exchange Rates

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## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

## Chancellor's Warning

London, July 18. The main interest in the City of London this morning was the speech by Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, over the weekend containing a warning that he would not hesitate to adopt further measures of restraint over domestic demand if there were any signs these were needed.

Referring to the credit squeeze applied in February, he said this took time to work but there have been encouraging signs that it was working.

The overseas trade figures in April and May were "distinctly better," he said.

Since then, however, Britain has suffered reverses. The large wage increases brought danger that demand might run ahead too quickly unless productivity was increased. —China Mail Special.

## World Rubber Markets

Singapore, July 18.

The rubber market ruled firm during the day on rumour of Russian buying and short covering. Future closings were:

No. 1 rubber per lb. Aug. 127.5-127.75  
Oct. 124.5-125.25  
Dec. 121.5-122.25

No. 2 rubber per lb. Aug. 116-118.5  
Oct. 113-115.5  
Dec. 110-112.5

Sheet rubber unbated " 100-102.5  
Blanket crepe " 100.5-101.5  
No. 1 pale crepe " 127-128

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Futures closed today 88 to 105

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Spot No. 1 RSS were quoted

nominal at 40¢ cents a pound.

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LONDON

The market was steady with spot closing at 39¢ cents.

Prices:

No. 1 RSS spot 38-38.1  
Settlement house term 38-38.1

Aug. 37-37.5  
Oct./Dec. 36-36.5  
Jan./Mar. 33.5-33  
Apr./Jun. 30.5-31  
July 32-32.5  
Aug. 30.5-30.5  
Sept. 29-29.5  
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Dec. 25-25.5

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LONDON SILVER PRICES

London, July 18.

The price of silver was quoted today at 79 pence per fine ounce for spot and 78½ pence for forward, (against 78½ and 78½ pence previously.) — United Press.

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JOHN CLARKE'S  
CASEBOOK

A Longing  
For London

Londoners are lucky. They can never be afflicted with one malaise at least that discontent can spring upon provincials. They cannot suffer agonies of longing for London, such as afflict young people living far away, nor easily persuade themselves, as those who are distant can, that to be in London is a cure for all adversities.

Those who live far away, and whom in some way expectations fail, can cry, and do: "I've had enough of this. I'll not be stuck here any more. I'm going to London."

BOILING POINT

MARY lived with her widowed mother in a grey northern town, and went to work each day as a shorthand-typist. And when she was not working, Mary sometimes dreamed of London.

The longing for London simmered with her, for months, for a year or two. The other day, it came to a boil. It boiled over.

There was an argument between Mary and her mother. Neither would yield, and both said things they shortly afterwards wished they had left unsaid.

PENNY RIDE

WHEN disagreement flared to its unbearable, tense, peak, Mary said, in as even voice as she could muster: "Very well, mother, if that's how you feel, I'm off. I'm off to London."

"If that's how you feel," her mother countered, "I'm not stopping you."

"Oh," said Mary, a little taken aback by acquiescence.

But there could be no retreat. Mary swept from the house, took a bus to the city that adjoined the town, and stormed towards the station. When she got there, she realised she had not enough in her handbag to pay the rail-fare to London.

But still there could be no going back. Mary bought a platform ticket, and when the train for London steamed in, she joined it.

JUST TEMPER?

AT King's Cross, Mary, a plump, fair-haired, 19-year-old, was arrested for travelling from the north without paying the railway fare. Next morning, at the Clerkenwell court, she pleaded guilty before Mr Frank Powell.

"She left in a temper, I suppose, and this is the result?" the magistrate suggested.

"I think that is the case, sir," said a detective.

The magistrate asked Mary what she had to say. In a mouse-voice Mary answered: "I'd like to go home, please."

LOGIC

WILL your mother have you back?" the magistrate asked.

"Oh, yes," Mary answered, with great confidence.

"What makes you so sure of that?"

"Well, this is the first time it's happened," said Mary, as if purveying purest logic.

The magistrate consulted a probation officer. "Have you been in touch with this girl's mother?" he asked.

"Oh, yes, sir," the probation officer said. "She's most anxious to have Mary back."

"Well, you'd better buy her a ticket and put her on a train," said the magistrate.

"Thank you, sir," Mary said. She hurried away. That same night, mother and daughter would meet again and enjoy again their old esteem and love for each other, and Mary would be more contented, for she had got the longing for London out of her system at last.

BACK TO WORK

Antwerp, July 18.

Nearly 80 ships — about 20 more than usual — berthed in Antwerp today as thousands of dockers returned to work after a three-week unofficial strike.

The strike committee has called on all men to return and continue claims for more money by "other means." — China Mail Special.

Bulganin's  
2-Phase  
Plan

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among them which constitute a threat to the maintenance of peace in Europe....

"It is known that for some time past a movement in favour of a policy of neutrality, a policy of non-participation in military blocs and coalitions, has been gaining ground in some countries. Experience shows that some states which pursued a neutral policy in time of war were able to ensure security for their peoples and play a positive role. This was confirmed, in particular, by the experience of the second world war, although the neutrality of some countries was not beyond reproach.

"Accordingly, we stand a broad development of international contacts and co-operation in the field of culture and science, for the removal of obstacles impeding intercourse among nations."

"The question of the so-called international Communism has also been touched upon here. However, it is known that our conference is convened to discuss problems of inter-state relations but not to discuss the activities of some or other political parties in various countries or relations between those parties.

We hold that raising this question at the conference of the heads of governments cannot be considered as appropriate.

PREPARED TO GIVE  
GUARANTEES

"The Soviet government is also of the opinion that should any nation desire to pursue a policy of neutrality and non-participation in military groupings, while these groupings exist, raise the question of having their security and territorial integrity guaranteed, the great powers should meet these wishes. In any case, as far as the Soviet Union is concerned, it is prepared to take part in such guarantees as it has, for instance, declared in respect of Austria.

"Here has been touched upon the question of the countries of Eastern Europe — the countries of people's democracy. To raise this question at this conference is to involve us in interference in the internal affairs of those states."

The Soviet government has repeatedly stated its views on the need to settle the problems of Asia and the Far East. It has in particular drawn attention to the serious situation which the Colony has been affected by a number of tropical depressions which have come fairly close to us. They have been mainly responsible," he said.

In the last few days Hongkong has been affected by a depression which has been "squatting" nearby.

It passed east of the Colony bringing showers, went inland at about Swatow and for the last 48 hours has been situated just to the north. "There is not much wind in it but it is full of rain," Mr Ramage added.

Escape Attempt  
By Convicted  
Prisoner

A convicted man's bid for freedom at Central Magistracy this morning was short lived when he was recaptured after a short chase by the Police.

The man was convicted on a charge of possession of heroin and sentenced to serve time in prison. The defendant asked the Magistrate for the option of a fine saying that he was a sick man. The application was refused in view of defendant's previous record.

Defendant refused to go down to the cells and sat on the steps inside the dock. A police constable inside the dock tried to get the prisoner into the cells but had to leave him when a commotion started in the cells. The next minute defendant was out of the dock and running for freedom.

The prisoner ran into the compound of the Central police station with the police in hot pursuit. He was recaptured before he reached Arbutnott Road, handcuffed and brought back to the cells.

Fire Destroys  
Flat

A three-room new tenement flat was completely gutted by fire this morning at 81 Wan-Tai, off Ship Street, Wan-Chai.

The first floor flat, destroyed by the fire was occupied by four Chinese families; but most of the occupants were not at home. It was believed burning joss sticks caused the fire.

Three appliances were sent to the scene at 10.10 a.m., and the firemen took about half an hour to extinguish the blaze. There were no casualties, and 16 wooden cases to be made and for a godown to be hired, as he was preparing to export a cargo of shirts to Australia.

TERMINATION OF  
THE COLD WAR

"Such restrictions that are usually introduced when the economy of a state is subordinated to the interests of military preparations, cannot be justified in any way if one is governed by the desire for a settlement of the outstanding international problems and for the termination of the cold war."

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I planned to be dummy today as often as I could, but I was surprised to find out most of the players are as dumb as I am!"

Alleged Fraud: Accused  
In Witness Box

Joe Francis Gerver, 39-year-old Mauritius Chinese accused of fraud, maintained at the Victoria District Court this morning that he arranged for a quantity of salt to be packed and shipped to Australia on the instructions of a man who employed him to do so.

Gerver, alias Jean Franz Ang How, alias Chiu Wai-fat, was giving evidence on his own behalf before Judge J. Reynolds regarding the allegation that he shipped salt to Australia when it should have been garments.

Accused is charged with obtaining on December 24 last year, with intent to defraud, from J. Kundan and Co., a cheque to the value of \$2,000 by pretending that, together with M. Mirehmal Hotwani, he (accused) was the proprietor of an alleged firm called the Swan Garment Factory which manufactured rayon jackets.

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Acting on these instructions, continued the accused, he bought the salt and had them stored and packed in godown hired for that purpose.

Hearing is proceeding.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 0-5.15. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.03. Concert by the Band of HMS Newcastle. Conducted by Bandmaster P. A. Summer. 6.30. "The Queen's Own Guards." 6.45. "Admiral R. T. Elkins, C.B." 6.50. (Recorded) 6.50. "First Hearing" presented by Alex Horrie (Studio); 7.00. Weather Report; 7.05. "The Queen's Own Guards." 7.10. "The Queen's Own Guards." 7.15. "The Queen's Own Guards." 7.20. "The Queen's Own Guards." 7.25. "The Queen's Own Guards." 7.30. "The Queen's Own Guards." 7.35. "The Queen's Own Guards." 7.40. "The Queen's Own Guards." 7.45. "The Queen's Own Guards." 7.50. "The Queen's Own Guards." 7.55. "The Queen's Own Guards." 8.00. "The Queen's Own Guards." 8.05. "The Queen's Own Guards." 8.10. "The Queen's Own Guards." 8.15. "The Queen's Own Guards." 8.20. "The Queen's Own Guards." 8.25. "The Queen's Own Guards." 8.30. "The Queen's Own Guards." 8.35. "The Queen's Own Guards." 8.40. "The Queen's Own Guards." 8.45. "The Queen's Own Guards." 8.50. 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